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SUBJ: PEOPLES ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON RISING FOOD PRICES

1. CAIRO ARABIC DAILIES REPORTED MARCH 29 ON PREVIOUS DAY'S PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SESSION WHICH FOCUSSED ON FOOD PRICE INCREASES. ACCORDING SOURCES, LEGISLATIVE CONCERN HIGHLIGHTED RISING MEAT PRICES RESULTING FROM INCREASED COST OF FODDER. HIGHER FEED COSTS HAVE ALSO DISCOURAGED DOMESTIC MEAT PRODUCTION IN VIEW OF PA MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM NOTED GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO IMPORT MORE MEAT IN CY 1978. AS RESULT OF INCREASED PRICE OF BERSEEM CLOVER, FARMERS HAVE USED WHEAT FLOUR AS FEED SUPPLEMENT IN SOME PROVINCES, ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNTS. THIS HAS LED TO FLOUR SHORTAGE AND CONTRIBUTED TO DECLINE IN AVAILABLE BREAD SUPPLIES.

2. IN LIGHT OF PROBLEM, PA MEMBERS RECOMMENDED STRONGER GOE PRICE CONTROL MEASURES FOR KEY AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES. CERTAIN LEGISLATORS PROPOSED MINSUPPLY TAKE STEPS TO INSURE ADEQUATE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES TO EACH GOVERNORATE. ASSEMBLY REPORTEDLY ALSO
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SET UP A COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO ISSUE OF PRICE INCREASES. PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATED THAT DISCUSSION ON "INFLATIONARY SPIRAL" WOULD CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH MARCH 29 SESSION.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUBSEQUENT DEBATE FOLLOWS
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